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A week ago the administration dodged another confrontation with Congress on the capabilities of Central Intelligence Director William J. Casey when the president decided to name veteran CIA bureaucrat John N. McMahon as Casey's deputy after the popular Bobby Ray Inman leaves the No. 2 post. But though Casey enjoys the confidence of Reagan, there are few illusions about his ability among top White House staffers. As one of them put it recently, "Bill's the only CIA director we've ever had who doesn't need a scrambler on his telephone."